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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/617,148

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For: TRUSTED STORAGE SYSTEMS
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated February 3, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to:

Group 1: Claims 1-15, drawn to data storage method/management, classified in class 713, subclass 193 or Group II: Claims 16-23, drawn to protecting a database systems from external analysis and attack, classified in class 713, subclass 201.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group 1 (claims 1-15). Election with traverse is being made as it is respectfully submitted that no additional burden exists for the Examiner to search these two groups of claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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